

## THEY WANT AN EARLY SESSION

Prominent Party Men Favor This  
Course.

### SAY IT WILL HELP DEMOCRATS

Hon. A. S. Priddy, Sheriff Simon  
Solomon and Others Believe It  
Would be Best to Hold the Elec-  
tion of Delegates This Fall.

The sentiment seems to be growing very rapidly in favor of an early session of the Legislature, and of the election of the delegates to the Constitutional Convention at the November election. Dr. A. S. Priddy, of Charlotte, member of the House of Delegates from that county, and a prominent member of the House Committee on Privileges and Elections, was in the city yesterday. I talked with him upon the subject of the convention, and he said the General Assembly should be called in special session not later than July next to make provision for the election which he thought should be held next fall.

**WOULD HELP THE DEMOCRATS.**  
"The election of the members of the Convention at the presidential election," said the Doctor, "would not only not handicap the Democratic ticket, but in my judgment would materially strengthen it. I fear there is going to be apathy," he continued, "in our ranks this fall, and believing the people in the different sections of the State would put forward their best men for the Convention, the personnel of the Convention nominees would strengthen our ticket and insure its triumph in every district."

Dr. Priddy thought that an extra session should be called early for another reason, that being in order that the new Constitution might go into effect before the election of circuit judges takes place again. He thought the reforming of the new judicial circuits would not work a hardship upon judges who had just been elected.

He favored a small body—not over sixty members—so that it might be widely and at the same time economically as possible. Dr. Priddy's idea is to fix the basis of representation at five members for each Congressional District, and then elect ten members at large, making sixty members in all.

Mr. Simon Solomon, sheriff of Henrico, is another prominent party man whose views coincide with those expressed by Dr. Priddy.

**BODY SHOULD BE SMALL.**  
He thought the Democrats of the State had nothing to fear from making a small body while the issue was alive. Mr. Solomon favors a small body, so that its business may be expeditiously transacted.

Dr. George W. LeCato, State Senator from Accomac, who is one of the wisest and safest party men in the State, is now in the city and is said to favor an early call of the Legislature and the election of delegates.

It really begins to look as if the Legislature would be here in July to settle the question.

### JACKSON WARD CONTEST.

Mr. W. L. Royall Talks About the  
Claims of His Citizens.

Mr. W. L. Royall was seen yesterday in regard to the Jackson Ward contest.

He said he had been employed by the Republican candidates for Board of Aldermen and Common Council in Jackson Ward to contest the election of Aldermen and Common Council in that ward. He said that no other election would be contested.

"If my clients," said Mr. Royall, "can prove what they claim they can prove. I will show that the ballot-box was stuffed, in the most open and flagrant manner. I will show that at least two hundred of their votes were stolen from them, and a large number of votes so stolen, were given to the successful candidates."

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"The contest will be made before the Hastings Court."

### AMUSEMENTS

Summer Stock Company to Open in  
"The Wife."

The season of the Lippen Company at the Academy will open next Monday evening with the New York Lyceum Theatre success, "The Wife." A better selection could hardly have been made, for the season of the play is so well known that its announcement goes far toward establishing the calibre of the season and the company. The company arrived in the city yesterday morning, and the names of its members guarantee its quality.

The scenic properties will be notable for the production. "The Wife" will be followed by "A Social Highwayman," for the first time in Richmond. Wednesday and Saturday matinees will be given throughout the engagement.

### TRAIN WRECKING CHARGED.

"Swelly" Lawson Run Down and  
Placed Under Arrest.

Joe alias "Swelly" Lawson, colored, was arrested in this city yesterday by Officers C. D. Duke and J. T. Enright, of the Chesapeake and Ohio service. Lawson is charged with wrecking a train, and is being held for arraignment on charges of wrecking an engine in the Chesapeake and Ohio yards at Newport News August 22, 1899, by a misplaced switch.

Lawson has been under watch for some time, and was employed in this city. Yesterday he was located at the gypsy camp at the Fair Grounds, where he was engaged in caring for the horses. He will be taken to Newport News to-day.

### TWO PRETTY WEDDINGS.

Miss Tudor Weds Mr. Alcott—Miss  
Throckmorton Weds Mr. Dawson.

Miss Ora C. Tudor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Tudor, of No. 102 East Main Street, was married last night to Mr. William N. Alcott, a well known bookkeeper.

Miss Minnie E. Throckmorton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Throckmorton, of Louisiana Street, was married yesterday evening to Mr. Charles E. Dawson, a machinist of this city.

### RECEPTION TO PARENTS.

Interesting Occasion at Central School  
Yesterday.

The pupils of the Central School, of which Mr. S. T. Pendleton is principal, gave a reception to their parents at the school yesterday. The following programme was observed:

There was a good audience of parents present. Mr. Pendleton thanked them for their co-operation, and returned warm thanks to all connected with the public schools and all private schools for their special sympathy while he had the pneumonia, and for their prayers.

1. March in; pianist, Kathleen Sherwood.  
2. Song by the school, "Dixie"; pianist, Mildred Brent.  
3. Sarah Ruth, "Mary Had a Little Lamb."  
4. Ethel Weinstein, "The Little Match."  
5. Concert reading, "O'Connell"; by

## THE BEST PLACE

PROVIDENT SAVINGS BANK,  
911 EAST MAIN STREET.

Bessie Hudgins, Alice Stagg, Jennie Pearce, Pattie Williamson, Edith James, Bessie Thompson, Hazel Delarue, Edith Hockaday, Daisy Morgan, Jessie Burton.

6. Song, "Indiana," by the choir: Daisy Morgan, Ibra Hockaday, Louise Crutchfield, Jessie Burton, Mildred Brent, Edith Hockaday, Ruby Humphreys, Elaine Counts, Jessie Barnes, Corinne Sizer, Lee Reindorse; pianist Kathleen Sherwood.  
7. Wm. Danby, Pissy Wigg, Pissy Wink.

8. Dixon Policy, "The Drunkard."  
9. Payson Bruce, "I'm a Twin."  
10. Song by the school, "Birdie's Farewell"; pianist, Mildred Brent.

11. Pearl Litchenstein, Blanche Booth, "Patty and May."  
12. Alonzo McDowell, "The Little Girl and The Tea."  
13. Song, Duet by Ibra Hockaday and Louise Crutchfield, "The Murremure Sea." Pianist, Kathleen Sherwood.

14. Mamie Foley, "Guilty or Not Guilty."  
15. Jessie Bristow, "Fraulein, the School-mistress."  
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## MANY CHILDREN RECEIVE HONORS

Barton Heights High School's Closing Exercises.

### DIPLOMAS WERE CONFERRED

And First and Second Honors  
Awarded in the Various Grades.

News of Interest From  
Henrico County.

The Barton Heights High School, of which Mr. R. W. Williams is principal, held its closing exercises Monday morning.

Diplomas were conferred upon those who have satisfactorily completed the required course of study, as prescribed by the Brookland District School Board, for the High School of Barton Heights, Va.

This is the first year in the history of the school that diplomas have been granted and it is hoped that it may prove beneficial, both to the school and to those who have won them.

Diplomas were conferred upon the following students, who compose the Senior Grade:

Misses Nellie Glinn, Edith Wingfield, Emma Lindsay, Mary Lindsay, Daisy Winston, Belle Taliaferro, Hallie Hill.

WITH THE INTERMEDIATES.

First Honors—Ruth Glinn, Maggie Parrish, Second Honors—Lewie Parrish, Sallie Seay, Rosabelle Thorpe, Henrietta Darracott.

Junior Grade—First Honors—Garnett Clay, Mary Smith, Josie Booth, Murray Harlan.

Second Honors—Mary Booth, Nannie Harlan, Sallie Fendrick.

Sixth Grammar Grade—Miss Mabel Glinn, Teacher—First Honors—Bertha Crenshaw, Flora Morgan, Jean Brogdon, Edna Lea, Clara Lea.

Second Honors—Jessie Moffatt, Leslie Darracott, Carrie Kibben.

Fourth and Fifth Grammar Grades—Belle P. Ragland, Teacher—First Honors—Lillie Baughan, Edna Nuckolls, Jessie Hutchinson, Herbert Ragland, Howard Harlan, Maria Lea.

Second Honors—Bertha Harding, Guy Turpin, Lucy Lindsay, Edith Morton, Tom Farley, Louise White, Charles O'Bannon.

Second and Third Grammar Grades—Mrs. Cora L. Vaughan, Teacher—First Honors—Sallie Sands, Charles Tomlinson, Alice Smith, Rosemary Bailey, Walter Lea.

Second Honors—John Watkins, Charita Harlan, Louise Taylor, Annie Smith, Carrie Wilson, Mildred Beveridge, John Garry, Mary Bonanodon.

First Grammar Grade—Hattie Rudd, Teacher—First Honors—Marie Baughan, Mabel Morton, Grace Chamberlain.

Second Honors—Josephine Tignor, Stella Bailey, Beulah Goodrich.

PRIMARY GRADE.

Fifth and Sixth Primary Grades—Hattie Rudd, Teacher—First Honors—Bessie Harris, Everett Baughan, Hille Collins, Virginia Croxton, Brackett Priddy, Evelyn Carpenter, Norma Ware, Frank Wilson.

Second Honors—Rosa Stauden, Roy Wright, Edith Moffatt, John Harding, Clifton Collins, Harry Wright, Dorotha Robinson.

Fourth Primary Grade—Belle Watkins, Teacher—First Honors (in order of standing)—Marie Garry, Emma Hockins, Irene Dunn, Blanche Harman, Ruth Hopkins, Mary Sadler, Preston Shelton, Jessie Watkins, Hugh Noel, Fred Starritt, John White, Newton Gordon, Morton Moore, Mary Harris, Lucy Goodwin, Helen Back.

Second Honors—Bessie Watkins, Teacher—First Honors—Ralph Eaton, Helen Minor, Mary Williams, Gladys Martinstein, Hugh Chamberlain, Ruth Carter, Helen Rose, Mamie Drumeller, Ruth Hutchinson, Anna Griffin, Richard Vaughan, James Luck.

Second Primary Grade—Belle Watkins, Teacher—First Honors—Charlie Throckmorton, Marian Moffatt, Angie Perkins, Henry Taylor, Louise Lorraine, Earl Rock, Arthur Gayne, Edith Robinson.

First Primary Grade—Belle Watkins, Teacher—First Honors—Evelyn Harris, Zella Davis, Violet Chamberlain, Elizabeth Lea